## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	٠	7/Pre
NOBUAKI OGUSHI, et al.	:	Examiner: C. Rapp	1/B
Application. No.: 09/988,572	: )	Group Art Unit: 2121	Herr
Filed: November 20, 2001	; )		
For: REMOTE MAINTENANCE SYSTEM	)	December 14, 2001	
The Commissioner for Patents			

## SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Washington, D.C. 20231

Please cancel Claims 16-30 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Please amend Claims 1-7, 9, 10, and 13 as shown below. A marked up copy of Claims 1-7, 9, 10, and 13, showing the changes made thereto, is attached in Appendix A. For the Examiner's convenience, all claims currently pending in this application have been reproduced below: